Scheme is in operation in the various States of the country including Bihar w.e.f. 01-04-1985 with the objective of providing financial support to farmers in the event of crop failure, due to drought, floods etc. and to restore their credit eligibility for the next crop season.

Market Operations of NDDB

3329. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that market operations (purchase and sales) of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are controlled by Empowered Committee on Oil Seed Policy through market intervention operation account;

(b) if so, whether NDDB is not free to influence market prices at its own and is also not responsible for the huge losses claimed by it and in such circumstances, whether Government are thinking to eliminate the services of Empowered Committee on Oil Seed Policy; and

(c) whether the Central Government are also taking any action on the recommendations of BICP on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As per the terms and conditions for Market Intervention Operation (MIO) by NDDB, NDDB has full functional autonomy to achieve the objectives set under MIO which includes its market operations such as purchase and sale of oils and oilseeds. Therefore, the question of the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy, which monitors the MIO controlling the market operation of NDDB does not arise.

(b) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

(c) There are no recommendations from BICP regarding MIO. However, at the instance of the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy a four-member Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. V. Desai, Chairman, BICP had reviewed MIO. The Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy (ECOP) considered the divergent views expressed by the members of the Committee and recommended that the loss suffered by NDDB in MIO may be reimbursed after obtaining the approval of Government. ECOP has also recommended modified terms and conditions for MIO for FY 1993-94 limiting the Government's liability to reimburse the losses on MIO to NDDB.

Establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras in remaining districts of A.P.

3330. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for starting of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the remaining districts of A.P. and also for the establishment of Advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, no proposal for establishment of advance Training Centre at Extension Education Institute, Rajendra Nagar has been received.

(b) Efforts are being made to get additional funds for establishing new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in VIIIth Plan.